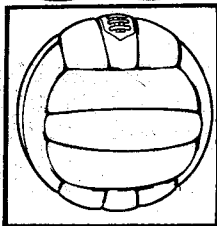


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ASF lose driving force

Sir William to retire

Sir William Walkley, the great driving force behind the Australian Soccer Federation, has decided to retire as president of the Federation.

His resignation will date from the Federation's annual meeting on March 14.

Sir William has not enjoyed good health for some time.

An official announcement from the ASF said: "This is a sad blow for soccer. Sir William has given more financial and administrative stability to the Federation than at any other time in our short history."

Sir William was elected president on March 9, 1963. At that time, the Federation still owed FIFA more than \$21,000, the balance of a settlement claim.

During Sir William's first two years, the debt was cut to \$6000 and by 1966 it had been completely wiped out.

"The ability of the Federation to repay this huge sum was due mainly to the guidance and financial wisdom of Sir William,

By Joe Major

and also to his help in getting a loan from Ampol", said the Federation this week.

Sir William always stressed the importance of improving the quality of soccer coaches in Australia. He was one of the chief advocates who brought about the Australian Soccer Coaches Federation.

"Many coaches throughout the country are grateful for Sir William's help", said the Federation. "He has always been available to discuss problems with club officials and his advice has been invaluable."

"It is impossible to evaluate his contribution to the game. His wise words will be sorely missed by the ASF."

Sir William was instrumental in forming the Oceania Confederation in 1965. He saw the confederation as a means of boosting Australian soccer and as a way to gain expert technical aid through FIFA.

Sir William is also expected to retire as president of the Oceania Confederation.

Sir William, in the annual report for the year, says: "I have thoroughly enjoyed my seven years as president and trust you will give my successor your unanimous and wholehearted co-operation."

Tribute to Charles Hay

By

George Yelland

but would never allow it to become public knowledge.

He was widely known as a strict, but fair-minded, disciplinarian.

His long and dedicated service to the game was recognised by the V.S.F. when he was made a Patron of the Federation.

Life president

He was patron of several sports within the compass of Hakoah, and faithfully discharged his high offices.

Conscious of the honor bestowed upon him, Mr. Hay

regarded this as his highest award.

From a lifetime's experience in soccer, he was always ready to help any club, however small, in any way he could.

Following the death of his wife in 1968, Charles occupied himself even more with soccer, his real sporting love.

He was elected life honorary president of Hakoah Soccer Club and seldom missed a match.

He had no patience with inefficiency, hangers-on and glory-seekers. And he despised dishonesty and deceit.

Of slight build, his energy belied his 72 years. He was great, in the fullest sense of the word.

We can ill afford to lose such men, but their example is something to follow.



Footscray J.U.S.T. star Tommy Stankovic receives the 1970 Ampol Cup best player award from Ampol promotions manager Mr. Dave Madden.

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BRILLIANT YASHIN - STILL ONE OF WORLD'S BEST



• LEV YASHIN

World famous goalkeeper Lev Yashin, now on tour in Australia with Moscow Dynamo, is still as fit as he was 10 years ago.

To look and speak to the man you would not think he had represented Russia in three World Cups, 80-odd internationals and played well over 600 games for Dynamo.

He has changed very little since I last met him, in England during the 1966 World Cup.

He is still the same soccer artist whose world-wide reputation made him an automatic selection in goal for combined world teams during the 60s.

And the same Lev Yashin who

By JACK JACOBS who will cover the World Cup finals in Mexico exclusively for Soccer News.



was acclaimed Russia's only European Footballer of the Year, in 1963.

During his long and triumphant career he has faced some of the best forwards of all time. Who were the best?

"They were all good at international level," he said.

Pressed to name a few, Yashin placed Pele, Eusebio and Bobby Charlton at the top.

It was Eusebio who figured in one of the most unusual happenings of his career.

"After Eusebio had scored the winning penalty for third position

in the last World Cup, he came up to me while I was still lying on the ground and said how sorry he was to have done it," Yashin said.

"I replied: 'Never Mind!'"

Yashin said he was quite happy with Russia's draw for this year's World Cup finals.

He thinks Brazil, England, Italy and Russia must start favorites.

Yashin said that having played in three World Cups, his prime wish was to get to Mexico to watch the World Cup as a spectator.

He feels Kavazashvili and Rudakov have the best chance of succeeding him as Russia's goalkeeper in Mexico.

Outside soccer, Yashin plays for the Dynamo soccer team — in goal, of course.

SPOTLIGHT ON MOSCOW DYNAMO

True Masters of soccer

Moscow Dynamo demonstrated many of the finer skills of soccer in their 2-1 win over New South Wales at the Sydney Sports Ground last Sunday.

In the first half Dynamo were so far superior to N.S.W. that they should have been in front by three or four goals.

As it was, the only score was a dazzling effort by Jevrujichin.

Introduction of Blues and Denton, after the interval,

saw a dramatic improvement in the home team's performance.

By Victorian coach ZVONIMIR RASIC as told to George Yelland

Several opportunities were not turned to full account and the greatness of goalkeeper Yashin nullified two bullet-like efforts from Ray Baartz.

Teams were:
MOSCOW DYNAMO: 1 Yashin, 2 Shitapov, 3 Ryabov (capt.), 4 Zikov, 5 Dolbonov, 6 Anichkin, 7 Eshtrikov, 8 Semin, 9 Chislenko, 10 Larin, 11 Jevrujichin.

In the second half, Avruzky replaced Larin, Kozlov for Eshtrikov and Smirnov took Dolbonov's place.

NEW SOUTH WALES: 1 Fraser, 2 Sandell, 3 Ackerley, 4 Schaeffer, 5 Marnoch, 6 Watkiss, 7 McKinnon, 8 Baartz, 9 Warren, 10 Abonyi, 11 Alston.

At half-time, Blues and Denton replaced Alston and Abonyi. Later Fekete came on for McKinnon.

Dynamo's first half dominance was sparked off by wingers Eshtrikov and Jevrujichin, who were used as strikers.

Sandell had obviously been detailed to shadow Jevrujichin — and what an unenviable task it turned out to be.

Big gaps

The Russian left-winger popped up everywhere on the forward line. Sandell

stuck to him like a leech but, in doing so, big gaps were left in defence.

Dynamo, playing a close, short passing game, were slow to take full advantage, hence the closeness of the final result.

N.S.W. played a defensive game, but were quick to counter attack, usually through the genius of John Warren.

He put the finishing touch to a beautiful move down the left, giving Yashin no chance.

This shock equaliser, with only 20 mins. left, spurred the Russians to renewed effort.

The elusive Jevrujichin weaved his way down the right and Fraser had no chance with his left foot, oblique drive.

Scoreless

Spearhead Chislenko, Russian International and scorer of 68 goals in two seasons with Moscow Dynamo, was kept scoreless by the close marking of Manfred Schaeffer.

World renowned goal-

keeper Yashin had a quiet first half.

In the second period he showed his brilliance with saves which "brought the house down".

He received a standing ovation from the large crowd as he trotted on to the field before the game.

All Masters

Every member of the team is a Russian Master of Sport. This recognition is given to those who achieve a high level of perfection and skill in their chosen game.

It entitles them to a pension when they can no longer play.

When they are more acclimatised, as they will be in two weeks' time, their brilliance will show to even greater advantage.

Victoria is in for a much harder game than N.S.W., but will give a good account of themselves, as always, against touring sides.

The Victorian public will be the winners. They are in for a feast of soccer on March 8 and Olympic Park should be packed.

ZVONIMIR RASIC



St. Kilda lures 'warrior' back

Mr. Peter Ermstrang, that old warrior of Victorian soccer, has come back into the game after a two-year rest.

He was president of Seymour for five years before coming to Melbourne.

He took over leadership of St. Albans and held the position for seven years. During this time, the Saints missed promotion to State League by a whisker.

He has been lured back into the game by Third Division side, St. Kilda.

No doubt his phenomenal energy and knowhow will see the club rise to greater heights.

St. Kilda's ground is Batman Ave., near Olympic Park, and their new club rooms are at Dickson St., Elwood.

Soccer is getting off the ground at Werribee. A club has been formed there which will figure in District League this season.

The club, in an effort to stimulate local interest, are anxious for two top Melbourne sides to play an exhibition game at Werribee, on a Sunday.

This is an opportunity for two State League clubs to play a practice game and, at the same time, help soccer in a new area.

Will club secretaries please contact the Werribee secretary, Mr. K. Slack, 15 Dixon Ave., Werribee. Day time phone number is 68-7321.

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LOOKS AT THE AMPOL CUP

Rau off-so down go Croatia

In the most thrill-packed game of the 1970 Ampol Cup Night Soccer Series, Footscray - J.U.S.T. scored a spectacular 5-3 win over arch-rivals Croatia to deservedly enter the final.

There was little between the teams for most of the fiery game but in extra-time the pressure of playing since the 58th minute without skipper Horst Rau proved too much for Croatia.

Croatia started better with the dashing play of Billy Vojtek worrying the J.U.S.T. defence while their own back-line stopped the Footscray forwards with vigorous first-time tackling.



CROATIA goalkeeper Dieter Voigt plucks the ball from the air in one of the many Footscray J.U.S.T. attacks during Friday's Ampol Cup semi-final. Footscray marched on to the final with a 5-3 victory.

In fact when Croatia's little left winger Terry Hargreaves put his side ahead after 26 minutes, it looked as if the critics would be proved correct in selecting them to win.

But within three minutes J.U.S.T. had taken the lead with a couple of great

goals from Frank Micic and Dan Zoraja.

Soon after half-time, however, MacKay came to life for Croatia by putting them back on level terms with a coolly-placed shot following a good run by Billy McIntyre.

Micic kept the scoreboard see-sawing when, in the 57th minute, he weaved his way past four Croatia defenders before leaving keeper Dieter Voigt floundering with his 20 yard shot.

A minute later Horst Rau's "over-enthusiasm" got him into hot water with referee Bernie Finnegan who ordered him off after he had flattened young Footscray goalkeeper Rade Milisavljevic.

Earlier in the game he had been booked by Finnegan following some vigorous play.

The absence of Rau was not felt immediately by Croatia and in the 73rd minute defender Brian Williams headed home yet another equaliser.

However, after being tied 3-3 at the end of 90 minutes, Croatia began to feel the effects of playing against an extra man and ten minutes into extra-time, Dan Zoraja, once again put J.U.S.T. back into the lead.

Croatia could find no answer to this goal and in the last seconds of the game Branko Buljjevic converted a penalty-kick after Croatian midfield man Joe Rahjer had fisted the ball off the goal-line.

Footscray - J.U.S.T. 5 (2), Croatia 3 (1) tied 3-3 at 90 minutes.

Footscray - J.U.S.T.: Milisavljevic, Utjesenovic, Rusmir, Micic, Rice, Cirkovic, Zoraja, Evans, Lukic, Stankovic and Buljjevic. Dasovic replaced Stankovic at 90 mins.

Croatia: Voigt, Bot, Gunn, Symington, Williams, Rau, McIntyre, Rahjer, Vojtek, J. McKay and Hargreaves. Williamson replaced Gunn after 105 mins.

Scores—Footscray: Micic, 27th and 57th mins; Zoraja, 29th and 100th mins; and Buljjevic, 120th min. (pen.). Croatia: Hargreaves, 26th min.; J. McKay, 49th min.; and Williams, 73rd min.

Referee: Mr. B. Finnegan.

Attendance: At Olympic Park, 6617.

HARDLY A CASE OF ALEXANDER THE GREAT

Slavia seldom had to run into top gear in defeating last year's First Division champions Alexander 3-2 at Olympic Park in the preliminary to last week's Ampol Cup semi-final.

It was Alexander's first game against State League opposition since 1968 and they looked far from impressive.

They fielded virtually an all-Greek side — wing-half Peter Self was the odd man out — and it seems as if this is part of their plan to win back a substantial number of the Greek fans lost by Hellas last season.

If that is their aim, then they can forget it — at least until they can come up with players able to perform more competently on the field.

Slavia looked sound, if not exciting, and they seem to have made a successful switch in fielding former midfield man Paul in attack where he scored two fine goals.

SLAVIA 3 (0) ALEXANDER 2 (1). SLAVIA: Kuhn, McBain, Scheichert, Reed, Shedden, Zanetta, Livingstone, Kraus, Steele, Paul and Gilder. ALEXANDER: Economides, Xanthopoulos, Tzikakakis, Self, Kiriatis, Papaconstantinou, Ravalis, Glykokalamos, Mangopolous, Fokianos and Karapatsos.

SCORES: Slavia — Paul 49th min. and 68th min.; Steel 39th min. Alexander — Mangopolous 25th and 62nd mins.

REFEREE: Mr. J. Dixon.

Hellas look set to meet fiery JUST

Polonia and South Melbourne Hellas, who meet in Friday's semi-final of the Ampol Cup, have the unenviable task of tackling the in form Footscray J.U.S.T. in the final next week.

But the first objective of both Polonia and Hellas must be to enter the final.

On past performances, neither Polonia nor S.M. Hellas have much to get enthusiastic about. Both have been struggling to find top form.

Added strength

Polonia can be cautious or adventurous, weak or strong according to their mood. Similarly Hellas are usually tantalising and often frustrating in their approach to the task at hand.

Many Polonia supporters feel

that the return of Josef Zurawski and Mirosław Litwin will give their side the experience in defence which it will need against Hellas.

Much of their hopes must also depend on twin-strikers Henry Siwka and Jimmy Malloy who have proved a danger with their strong running and ability to convert a half-chance.

On the other hand Hellas have to a large extent discarded their casual approach to getting goals and their present formidable forward-line of Ackerley, Gorrie and Armstrong can all be devastating.

The Hellas defence, too, has been strengthened by Steve Walker from Lions, and it is stronger and more stable than it has been for several seasons.

It won't be easy for Hellas but they look to have too much attacking power for Polonia.

MY SELECTION: Hellas to win.

In the curtain raiser to the big game which is featuring last

year's bottom four clubs, Melbourne and George Cross bounce back into business.

Showing up

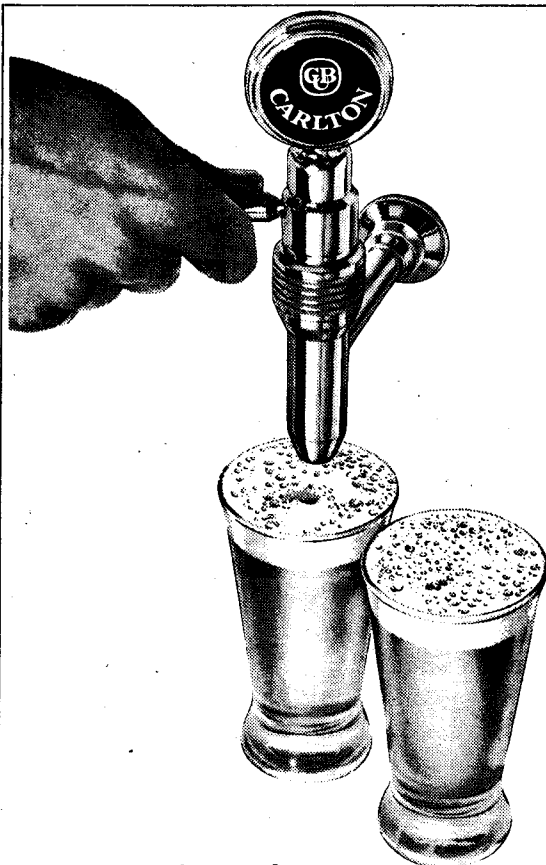
All eyes will be on Melbourne's four Yugoslav and Hungarian imports — and reports indicate that full-back Jozsef Szabo and Centre-half Fibian Juhasz have been showing up well in training.

LIKELY TEAMS, from . . . POLONIA: Litwin, Knot, Czapnik, Olinowski, Zurawski, Millar, Widera, Closs, Siwka, Malloy, Plaskota, Kowalec and Wrobel.

HELLAS: Stephens, Kelly, Kiriatis, Bedford, High, Gould, Larman, Kamboropoulos, Ackerley, Armstrong, Gorrie and Augur.

MELBOURNE: Blakely, Gerrard, McGowan, McDaid, Scott, Ballerini, Wallace, Shanks, Szabo, Juhasz, Deeming, Davie, Rogers, Pocock, Kerl, Koroknai and Bleskany.

GEORGE CROSS: Kastner, Wicks, Friederberg, Kelly, Ireland, Truscowski, Sanchez, Hayward, Walker, Gardner, Pryde and Dockery.



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JOE MAJOR LOOKS AT THE PRIDE

In 1965 St. Albans - Olympia United crushed all opposition to win the Second Division championship, the Armstrong Cup, the Sydney AGI Cup, the Seymour Cup and the New World Cup.

The AGI Cup gave the best indication of the team's form. During the competition, St. Albans-Olympia United beat Wollongong 11-3 and Rapid-Marrickville 11-0.

The St. Albans-Olympia partnership had proved the greatest boost to both clubs to date — but it was not to last.

At the end of the year the partnership was dissolved, leaving St. Albans in First Division and Olympia, previously a junior club, with a foothold in senior ranks.

Olympia's success was taken into consideration by the Victorian Soccer Federation, which admitted the club into Fourth Division the following year, under its new name — Keilor City.

Rebuilding programme

The split left St. Albans with a shortage of players but a quick rebuilding programme produced recruits like Joe and Franz Marth, Fred Kleiner, Klaus Winkler, Levende David (Lions), Guenter Weiland, Stefan Pest (Richmond), Ernie Breitwieser (Sunshine City), Peter Blohm (Germany), Hans Herman (Austria), Fred Laslett (Hollandia, Brisbane) and Wolfgang Gilch (Juventus).

The rebuilt team stormed into First Division and took the big boys by surprise.

After a neck-and-

neck struggle near the top of the ladder, St. Albans had to be content with second best.

At the end of the season, during which the team had lost only two games, St. Albans and Preston Macedonia shared the lead with 37 points each.

But Macedonia climbed into State League with a superior goal average.

The following year,

St. Albans again finished second, this time behind Wilhelmina.

While the Saints were stealing the spotlight at the brink of State League, Keilor City was working methodically in the lower ranks, continuing its policy of promoting juniors.

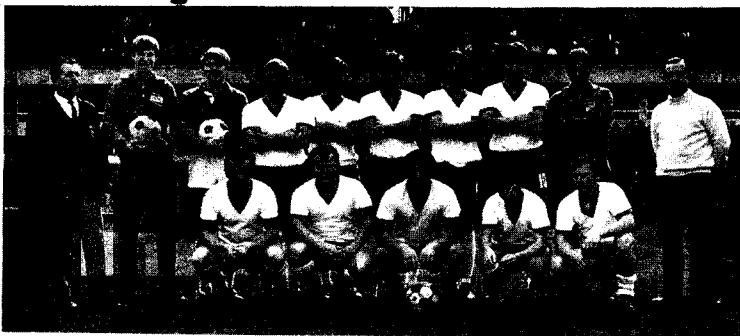
Almost unnoticed, the same players who had helped lift St. Albans-Olympia into First

Division, won the Fourth Division premiership for Keilor in 1966 and came top of Third Division in 1967.

Now soccer fans were starting to take notice. When St. Albans began to slip in 1968, Keilor kept firing.

ST. ALBANS OR KEILOR CITY?

Partners now big rivals for promotion



Keilor City, pictured before the final match of 1969, which Alexander won to clinch promotion. Top row, from left: John Klain (team manager), Eddy Zaba, Ziggie Golonski, Eddy Kupicz, Billy Szewczuk, Wally Klain, John Grady, Kajik Klain, Joe Szapaniak, Marian Gasior (coach). Front row: Joe Menary, Marian Trzaskoma, Bob Kupicz, Harry Nowak, Guenter Gerick.



St. Albans B team during Ballarat 6-a-side competition. From left: Ken Kontra (coach), Con Ignatidis, Klaus Winkler, Mike Masic, Paul Stanic, Tony Bulka, Dieter Schindler, Brian Ryerson (kneeling).

With great teamwork it clinched the Second Division premiership with its best season yet.

So, in 1969, the two clubs which had once played as one, became keen rivals on the field. Nestled in the heart of the Western Suburbs — Victoria's soccer stronghold — and sharing Churchill Reserve, St. Albans, the former team-mates fought each other for a berth in State League.

Naturally, Keilor was the underdog. Sure they did well in the lower leagues but it would be a different story in tougher company, said soccer supporters.

But Keilor scoffed at them and set out to prove it was the toughest of all.

While an injury-stricken St. Albans kept losing matches early in the season, Keilor was flattening all opposition.

By the time St. Albans had hit top form, Keilor was way out in front.

In both their encounters, Keilor beat the Saints and when the last game of the season came round, Keilor was in the for promotion.

Promotion denied

But promotion was not to be. Alexander easily won the last game and Keilor finished in second place.

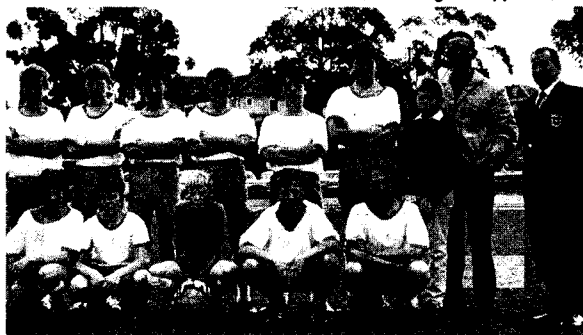
St. Albans also did well after its quiet opening, becoming the only team to beat Alexander in a League game that year.

Now the St. Albans neighbors are again poised at the starting line.

The old rivals will this year share the same ground. The pitch St. Albans uses is currently being reconstructed by Keilor Council, so both will use the No. 2 oval.

Both clubs have become partners in running Churchill Reserve.

A ground management committee was formed recently comprising Cr. Eric Alan, chairman, Mrs. Nell Mom, Bob Smolinski, Alby Kakol, Stan Walachowski, Ciro Lombardi, Alan van der Boogert, Stan Adamczyk and Peter Biewer.



Keilor's under 14's, top row from left: Tony Frain, David Coulson, Eddy deGabriele, Stan Struzcky, Mike Malloy, Peter Simienuga, Stan Sully, Bill Sully (coach), Bob Smolinski (club secretary). Front row: Eddy Caban, R. Orlikowski, Pierre Bennet, Frank Lipic, Peter Beller.

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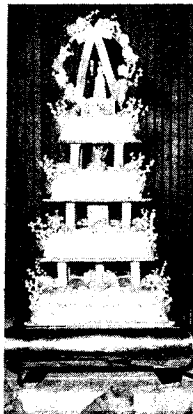
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OF ST. ALBANS

...AND THE PLAYERS



These are the players St. Albans and Keilor are relying on to bring promotion for one of them this year.

ST. ALBANS
Joe Abonyi, 26: linkman, ex-Slavica, Makedonia, Melbourne, joined this month.
Joe Biewer, 20: full back, ex-Green Gully Ajax.
Mane Bljajic, 22: outside-right.
Ernie Breitwieser, 20: utility forward, from Sunshine City, and a regular senior player since 1966. Will holiday in Germany between April and June, missing first half of the season.
Tony Bulka, 23: forward, came from Yugoslavia last year and has added sting to the attack.
Lou Denys, only 19: he has already established himself as one of the top goalkeepers in the league.
Pino Dukic, 27: utility, currently working in Mt. Isa.
Spiro Fragopoulos, 26: ex-HAASK junior and has been with St. Albans longer than any other player. Originally a goalkeeper or centre half, he now plays on the forward line.
Guenter Herman, 28: forward, came from Box Hill, April, 1969.
Con Ignatidis, 18: young forward making his mark in senior ranks.
Matze Landherr, 29: former State League player with Richmond, he has been one of St. Albans' greatest players. Played for St. Albans-Olympia United.
George Minyur, 28: centre-forward from France, joined this month.
Karlo Madi, 23: inside right, from J.U.S.T.
Franz Marth, 29: ex-Lions, a fiery centre-half and the mainstay in defence.
Joe Marth, 27: also from Lions. A star for St. Albans, he is a powerful full or half-back.
Mike Mistic, 26: left-winger from Makedonia, April, 1969.
Alistair McLeod, 28: full-back from Scotland, June, 1967.
Brian Ryerson, 27: goal-

SIX-A-SIDE 'A'

St. Albans A side during the Ballarat 6-a-side competition last year. Back row, from left: Ken Kontra (coach), Spiro Fragopoulos, Pino Dukic, Lou Denys. Front row: Joe Biewer, Mane Bljajic, Alistair McLeod, Karlo Madi.

keeper from Griffiths, N.S.W., 1968.
Phil Wabber, 24: arrived from England last year and has been playing at centre-forward.
Paul Stanic, 23: full-back from J.U.S.T., joined this month.
Klaus Winkler, 30: the oldest player on the list, formerly with Lions, plays in most positions.
Manfred Maurer, 20: former under 18 Swiss international forward. Joined this month.
KEILOR
Zenon Galonski, 19: was the best goalkeeper in his country league while playing for Benalla in 1968.
Guenter Gerick, 26: right back, only a teenager when he played State League soccer with Richmond. Was with St. Albans for three years and won that club's best player trophy in 1967.
Marian Trzaskoma, 22: left-back or left-winger, from Olympia juniors and played for St. Albans-Olympia United.
Joe Menery, 28: right-half and coach, mid-field general from Juventus.
Billy Szwczuk, 19: centre-half. Started with the juniors in 1966 and stepped into senior ranks at 15.
Bob Kupicz, 23: left-half, rose through ranks from Olympia's under 12 team and played for St. Albans-Olympia in 1965.
Harry Nowak, 19: right-winger, who came from the juniors and gained promotion.
Eddy Kupicz, 21: inside-right, from Olympia's under 12s. Top scorer in 1966 with 37 goals and in 1967 with 32. Played for St. Albans-Olympia and has been one of the club's greatest players.
Wally Klein, 19: centre-forward, from juniors and in Victorian under 14 and under 16

teams. In his first senior season last year, he became top scorer.
Kajik Klein, 22: inside-left, product of Olympia juniors. A centre-half for three years before breaking all records on the forward line. Scored 30 goals in 1967 and 43 in 1968 — his best season yet. St. Albans-Olympia 1965.
John Grady, 18: outside-left, from juniors. Under 12 Victorian representative. Scored both goals in Keilor's recent Millennium Cup victory against Polonia.
George Smolinski, 22: full back, from juniors.
Stan Kovacs, 29: utility forward and prolific goal-scorer, from Altona City.
Joe Scarecki, 25, wing half, formerly with Sunshine and Libertas.
Eddy Zabe, 19: goalkeeper from juniors.
Ziggie Nowak, 22: centre-half or full back, from Olympia juniors, played for St. Albans-Olympia and missed last season due to university studies. Back in the team this year.
Joe Szapaniak, 19: half-back or forward, quick thinking reserve from juniors, who looks like making the senior team.
George Jasinski, 19: centre-half with ton of talent, also in line for promotion.
George Nierobisz, 18: forward, came to Keilor from Poland as a junior and looks certain of senior berth.
Top officials in the two clubs are:
KEILOR: Stan Walachowski, president; Bob Smolinski, secretary; Dr. Henry Liszkiwicz, vice-president; John Klein, team manager; Alby Kakol, treasurer.
ST. ALBANS: Maurice Futecher, president; Ciro Lombardo, vice-president; Mrs. Nell Morn, secretary; Alan van der Boogert, treasurer.

As I see it

by **GEORGE YELLAND**

It's time to stop 'bending' to big name players

During the last decade, many energetic, self sacrificing soccer lovers have worked unceasingly to promote the game in Victoria.

The full extent of their efforts may never be known to the general public, but their common aim has been and is to establish soccer as an Australian sport.

Inevitably, mistakes have been made. Occasionally stupid and even harmful steps have been taken.

The knockers always pounced on these things, blew them up, out of proportion, and sneered at our game and its administration.

As the soccer-minded people became organised and achieved positions of leadership, too often they were weak when they should have been strong.

These weaknesses have been exploited by sections of the sport, for their own ends.

As the game matured, people found themselves in responsible positions, administering the game as State League club officials or even in the V.S.F.

Some had the capacity to discharge their offices wisely and well.

Unfortunately, too many had not. Their enthusiasm outran their knowledge of the game and administrative ability, but they would not let go.

Perpetually beset by financial problems, club committees are frequently guilty of irrational acts.

'Bending' to name players

One of the worst in in their dealings with costly and expensive players.

Here lies the sickness.

Many of these players come to Australia from professional soccer overseas.

They are not top-liners — otherwise they wouldn't be here — but they do provide a little extra skill to our very modest standard and are immediately put on pedestals by their clubs.

With few exceptions, these old pros. are bleeding the game of every cent they can lay their hands on, giving as little as possible in return.

They train when they feel like it, seldom giving the effort and dedication shown by their footy counterparts.

A number are far more interested in late-night parties and drinking, which leaves them far from fit, mentally or physically.

They are not really interested in improving the standard of soccer here.

Effort is not sustained

Any knowledgeable soccer observer knows only too well that expecting 90 minutes of sustained, intelligent soccer from such people is like looking for green pastures in the Gibson desert.

They hold clubs to ransom, treat coaches and officials with contempt and adversely influence the inner workings of clubs.

One can sympathise, a little, with club officials who do not know which way to turn for the next dollar.

They suffer much in an effort to achieve the success necessary to retain their meagre support and, thereby, keep their club afloat.

Unfortunately, the only outcome of this policy is eventual oblivion.

Unless officials show strength and wisdom, unless they make sure the horse pulls the cart, unless they prune budgets and pay players pro rata to income, they face an inevitable and perhaps merciful death.

Does anyone imagine that George Best dictates to Sir Matt Busby?

Does anyone doubt that if he did, Sir Matt would slap him down, in no uncertain manner, with the full backing of club officials and directors.

Only last week, a prime example of stupidity came to light, in the sacking, by Juventus, of coach Vic Janczyk.

One of the finest tacticians in Australian soccer, he had an illustrious career as player, followed by a successful run as coach with Juventus.

Juventus failed to gain a place in the Night Cup finals, largely due to the lethargic effort of some of their players.

As a result, Janczyk is sacked.

A whitewashing press release from the club said that Vic's appointment was terminated by mutual consent.

Janczyk says this is untrue. He first knew about it when he was told that a meeting had been held — to which he was not invited — and that he was sacked.

Clubs have their rights

No-one denies that Juventus, or any club, have the right to employ whom they wish.

But only a fool would accept the given reason for Janczyk's sacking.

There is something deeper and there is good reason to believe players are involved.

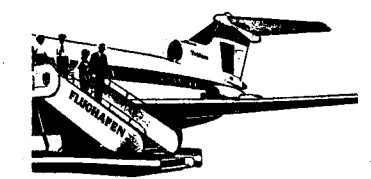
Clubs, if they want to stay in the game, must do more than pay lip service to home-grown junior talent.

A wide and comprehensive junior development program must be undertaken and the best possible coaching talent employed in the process.

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WE MUST TAKE UP SAIGON OFFER

Australia has been invited to take part in a soccer tournament in Saigon from April 21 to April 28.

And the Vietnamese Football Federation has offered to pay all Australia's expenses. It will even give each player a small allowance.

The tournament could be the first step towards rebuilding the Australian team for the 1974 World Cup, so let's hope the Australian Soccer Federation accepts the invitation.

The ASF has not made any plans for the national team. It has arranged no overseas tour and has committed itself to only one game against a touring club side.

But even that won't be a test for Australia — because our team will be hurriedly made up of only NSW players.

Overseas body

It is ironic that Australia's only chance for international experience comes from an overseas body. The ASF must overcome its embarrassment and accept the invitation.

And after taking this step, it must follow up with constructive planning, to build on the foundations laid by the national team which almost reached the World Cup finals last year.



Tommy Dockerty

'Doc' pops up in Portugal

The most controversial manager in British soccer, Tommy Dockerty, has quit the soccer scene there and gone to Portugal as team boss of Oporto F.C.

The Doc, as he has been known since he quit

playing in 1961, comes from the Gorbals in Glasgow and started off his professional career with Celtic.

He moved to Preston North End in 1949-50 and he starred for the Lancashire side at wing half for nine seasons before moving to Arsenal in 1958 for £20,000.

He played nearly three seasons with Arsenal before he gave up playing to accept the post as senior coach to Chelsea. He played a few games with Chelsea and when Ted Drake parted company with the club as their manager in late 1961, Dockerty took over as caretaker manager.

He eventually secured the appointment as Chelsea manager in January, 1962.

Dockerty, as manager, brought about a revival of Chelsea who had for so long been the butt of music hall jokes. He brought his side to Australia for a successful tour in 1965.

In the midst of controversy and suspension, he resigned from Chelsea, took up a similar post with Queens Park Rangers, quit that club after a short time after he was refused money to buy new players and headed north to become manager of Rotherham United.

Celtic-Rangers at war again

Bottle-throwing fans invaded the Parkhead pitch as Glasgow rivals Celtic and Rangers battled for victory in their perennial feud which owes more to religion than football.

The Scottish Quarter-Final Cup-tie exploded midway through the second half when Rangers' forward Alex MacDonald was sent off after clashing with Celtic goalkeeper Evan Williams.

Hundreds of Rangers fans poured on to the pitch amid a hail of flying bottles and police moved in quickly to

restore order. Earlier players from both teams had engaged in a midfield fist fight as play became increasingly bitter.

Celtic, Glasgow's Catholic team, eventually won 3-1 against the Protestant-backed Rangers to underline their supremacy in recent matches between the teams, who have won the cup 39 times between them.

The 72,000 Parkhead

crowd saw Rangers take a fifth minute lead by courtesy of an own goal from Celtic's Jimmy Craig, but Celtic equalised before half-time through Bobby Lennox.

After a second half of mounting fury, Celtic eventually clinched victory with two goals in the last three minutes through John Hay and Jimmy Johnstone. Police had made 40 arrests by the end of the game.

SOCCER QUIZ

By Alistair Cook

A weekly feature which will not only test your memory, but also rack your brains.

Score ten out of ten — and you're a genius. And if you score seven or over, you're a soccer marvel.

If you can top the halfway mark, class yourself as good. But if you answer less than three correctly, it's time you brushed up your knowledge of your favorite game by buying Soccer News regularly.

Here we go . . .

1. Footscray J.U.S.T. won the 1969 State League title. Can you name the team which had the biggest number of draws in the same competition in 1969?
2. One of the most talked of players in Europe at the moment is Johann Cruyff. Which club side does Cruyff play for?
3. Which year did Melbourne enter the State League? And what was their league placing at the end of the season?
4. Slavia have never won the State League. In which year did they have their best placing in the competition?
5. In the past 10 years, Rangers and Celtic have won the Scottish Cup seven times between them. Which side has most wins of the two?
6. In 1962 the team which was relegated from the State League only won one game out of the 22 and had only two points at the end of the season. Who were they?
7. Which Hong Kong side played in Australia in 1966?
8. Two of the original Polish imports in 1959 are now club coaches. Who are they?
9. Who won the State League Cup in 1961?
10. What distance from the ball must opponents stand when a free kick is taken against them?

Now turn to Page 10 for your answers.

★ SOCCER SIDELINES

Ken McDonald, a 24-year-old full-back recently freed by Scottish First Division club — Raith Rovers at his own request, is interested in coming to Australia and is well advanced with migration plans for himself and his wife.

McDonald who has also played with Carlisle and Kilmarnock, played 38 first team games for Raith Rovers since joining them in late 1968.

He is a bricklayer and lives c/o 13 Am-laird Rd., Kilmarnock, Scotland.

Kaz Kowalec is back as coach of Polonia after having been deposed at the start of this season by Tad Bialek.

Another change by Polonia is the appointment of former player — Remo Guardiani as team manager.

George Cross, groundless since they were expelled from St. Kilda together with Melbourne, have been taken into custody by Footscray J.U.S.T. who are allowing them to share Schintler Reserve with them this season.

Bob Reilly may return to Lions. Player-coach Hugh

Murney has been in touch with Reilly who had spells with Wilhelmina and Lions and before returning to U.K.

Sam Service, the former Alexander and South Melbourne Hellas goalkeeper, is with Azzuri in South Australia.

Mike O'Hara missing from the Slavia line — up against Alexander, is at present on his honeymoon in England.

Sandy Henderson and Hakoah could resolve their problems soon.

Jimmy Rooney is hitting the high spots with Prague and the former Lions Victoria link man should soon stake a claim for a place in the New South Wales side.

Mario Corti, the former Juventus

coach is with Juventus (Adelaide).

Tony Boggio is the caretaker-coach of the Juventus seniors meantime.

Boggio has had several spells with both Juventus and Triestina.

Alan McBain and Alan Reed of Slavia, who played against Alexander, are both returning to U.K. in the middle of this year.

This will be a big blow to Slavia.

Likely to move from George Cross is full-back Neil Morrison whom the club secured some years back from West Australian soccer.

The Juventus story that the club and Vic Janczyk parted by mutual agreement is not substantiated by Janczyk who states quite categorically he was sacked. Vic reckons that he

was given no reason for his dismissal.

Stefan Katolik, the former Polonia striker, has no intention of returning to the game.

He still attends many matches and is a neutral fan with no allegiance to any one club.

Park Rangers, are interested in playing friendly games on Saturdays commencing 21-2-70 and clubs interested should contact the secretary, F. Hamilton, on 68-2951 (day) or 53-4418 (evening).

St. George Budapest are hoping to arrange a match in Melbourne before the league programme gets under way.

St. George have former State League players Oddie Abonyi and Tommy Anderson in their line-up.

Alex Tochel, the Lions reserve goalkeeper, may be loaned to Altona if his work as a bricklayer permits.

World round-up

Second Division Watford shattered the First Division's monopoly of the last four places in the English Football Association Cup when they beat Liverpool 1-0 in the shock result of the sixth round ties.

A 63rd minute goal by Barry Endean — his 13th of the season — delighted a record Watford crowd of more than 34,000 and wrecked lethargic Liverpool.

The other three ties followed the form-book with Leeds United and Chelsea emerging as the strongest contenders for the trophy. Leeds, the reigning English champions, won 2-0 away to Swindon with costly forward Allan Clarke scoring both goals in a two-minute first-half burst.

Another star forward on the goal trail was Chelsea's Peter Osgood who netted three goals in the 4-2 victory over Queens Park Rangers. But former European champions Manchester United could only manage a 1-1 draw away to Middlesbrough.

Celtic won the big cup battle in Scotland, beating Rangers 3-1 in their quarter-final clash after Ran-

Watford axe Liverpool 1-0 in FA Cup shock

gers had scored first. The arch Glasgow rivals have won the cup 39 times between them, but Celtic have the edge in recent clashes and beat Rangers in last season's final. Liverpool's hopes of

beating Watford dived before the kick-off when injury ruled out midfield powerhouse Tommy Smith and dashing winger Peter Thompson.

But Watford, languishing near the foot of the Second Division,

were good value for their win and would not have been flattened by a wider winning margin.

Leeds, chasing a remarkable treble of English League and Cup and European Cup titles this season, never looked in danger of defeat after Clarke had scored with stunning brilliance in the 31st and 33rd minutes.

Venables netted Rangers first with a twice-taken penalty and Barry Bridges added their second, but nothing could stop Chelsea in front of a record crowd of more than 33,000 which included England manager Sir Alf Ramsey.

Manchester United had the tonic of an early

Beaten only twice

Queens Park Rangers, beaten only once in their last 22 home games, were two goals down in the first eight minutes of their West London Derby with Chelsea and could never make up the leeway.

Burly Dave Webb put Chelsea ahead and Osgood added the next 3 goals. Terry

Stars on the mark

Leading scorers in the English Football League are: —

DIVISION ONE		DIVISION THREE	
25 Peter Osgood (Chelsea).		17 Arthur Horsfield (Swindon).	
22 Jeff Astle (West Bromwich).		21 Ted Macdonald (Bournemouth).	
21 Alan Clarke (Leeds).		19 Jim Conway (Fulham), Malcolm Macdonald (Luton).	
20 George Best (Manchester United).		18 George Jones (Bury), Steve Earle (Fulham).	
18 Joe Royle (Everton).		17 Jim Kerr (Bury).	
16 Hugh Curran (Wolves), Brian Kidd (Manchester United), Geoff Hurst (West Ham).		DIVISION FOUR	
21 John Byrom (Bolton), Barry Bridges (Q.P.R.).		19 Jack Howarth (Aldershot).	
18 Rodney Marsh (Q.P.R.), John Toshack (Cardiff), John Hickton (Middlesbrough).		17 Stuart Brace (Grimsby), Jim Hall (Peterborough).	
		16 Denis Brown (Aldershot), Albert Kinsey (Wrexham), Nigel Cassidy (Scunthorpe).	

British League Tables

and Orient v. Gillingham, both postponed, grounds unfit.		ENGLISH DIVISION ONE					ENGLISH DIVISION TWO					ENGLISH DIVISION THREE					ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR					SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE					SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO				
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Ampol prize to be increased?

It was revealed at Monday night's board meeting that Ampol Petroleum, who sponsor the night competition, may increase the prize money for 1971.

Provided all 12 State League clubs participate (as was the case in Sydney

this year), the company will consider increasing prize money, next season.

It is of grave concern to the V.S.F.

that 28.1% of gross takings at the night matches goes in expenses.

In other words, it costs \$1150 to stage each night's display.

The A.S.F. have received an invitation to send an Australian side to play in South Vietnam in April of this year.

The Board was not in favor for various reasons.

It would interfere with the current soccer season and there was grave concern about security in the country.

Mr. John Barclay revealed that when Australia played there before, they got out just before the Tet offensive.

"Decent accommodation was impossible to find, except at exorbitant prices", he said, and indicated that he,

personally, would be against it whilst the country was in its present state of upheaval.

No real guarantee of safety for players and officials could be given.

The Australian Amateur Soccer Association will hold a meeting in Melbourne from March 14-15.

The Board gave permission to use Soccer House as the venue.

They indicated their approval of the concept and promised every co-operation.

A list of all Grade I referees was presented. It will be referred to next Monday's State League meeting for them to decide on their panel for 1970 season.



Igor Chislenko

Dynamo star

Russian International spearhead, who is one of the stars to be seen in action when Moscow Dynamo play Victoria in Melbourne on Sunday, March 8.

Chislenko, now 31, has played soccer since he was 15. In those 16 years he has played over 220 matches. He has scored 68 goals for Dynamo, with whom he has been for the past two years.

European talks may bring new blood...

John Van Hoboken, president of Ringwood City Wilhelmina, leaves later this week for a 21-day business trip to England and Europe.

While away, he will be having discussions with some players in both London and Holland in an effort to improve his team's prospects for the coming season.

Tonight at 7.45, Ringwood City will host a friendly match against the strong First Division club Ringwood United.

The following Thursday at the same time, Hakoah will bring their full team for what promises to be a tough and exciting pre-season warm-up with Wilhelmina. Both games will be played under floodlights at Jubilee Park with the ground opening at 7.15 p.m.

Andy Strange, a recent arrival from England, has just signed forms with Ringwood City. Andy played centre-forward with Ashton in the Cheshire league, before coming to Australia.

A bright new idea out at Jubilee Park for the 1970 season.

The scoreboard will carry as usual the full names of both teams playing, but with the important change — each visiting team's name will be painted in its own club colours.

A nice touch on the part of the Ground Committee at Jubilee Park that should be copied by more State League clubs.



"This promises to be a rousing game!"

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by Jim Barker

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The entire story of the world game is told, backed with over 700 photographs that have "action" as the key word.

A Pictorial History of SOCCER

Dennis Signy

Introduction by George Best



Starting with an international survey of the games origins, the story develops to the broader scene of today. The Arsenal of the thirties, the dynamic Hungarians of the fifties, Brazil and England; Italy and Greece; Yugoslavia and Germany all get good coverage accompanied all the time by this wonderful marriage of informed text and fine photography.

Dennis Signy, who wrote the book, has hit the jackpot first time, integrating a mass of statistics and records into the general narrative in a most readable way. He has done his research well and is thorough in his review of all the key matches, players, managers and teams that have made their mark on the game.

His comments on the Australian game, which dates from the foundation of the Anglo-Australian Association in 1884, are brief, but the fact we get a mention at all serves to indicate just how extensive is Mr. Signy's coverage.

Quite seriously, if your wife won't let you buy this book for yourself, buy it for your son's next birthday. If she sees it she won't be able to resist that suggestion.

But, just one word of warning — read it yourself first, because you will never get your hands on it again.

Paul Hamlyn have displays at most major bookstalls, but this volume can definitely be obtained through Cheshires.

Kick off minus twenty-three days and counting. Today the soccer atmosphere is very much like Cape Kennedy before a moonshot.

The league fixtures have been finalised, teams are being recruited and trained, grounds are being prepared for the big day — the first day of the new season, the first day of the Soccer Seventies.

This is probably the right time to look at what has been achieved in the past and just where we are going in the future.

Soccer is a great game with many terrific features — pinpoint passing, tigerish tackling, hard shooting and cat-like goalkeeping, a game whose very simplicity makes it easy to understand, yet with a tactical element that gives it a challenge no other game has, and lifts it high above its rivals in spectator appeal.

Yet, somehow, the game has not hit the jackpot in Australia as one day it undoubtedly will, and so wherever soccer supporters gather together you hear a deal of talk centred around, how things can be improved, how that big day when soccer is number one can be brought forward.

Much of this talk is full of gripes, only a little constructive and forward thinking.

Glaring need

It's true that many things need to be done at top management level to improve the whole stature of the game.

There is a glaring need for a more enlightened management, for better and more sympathetic publicity.

But don't look for miracles.

To make these improvements will be a lengthy and difficult process, and there will be times when the game seems to take two steps backward to every step forward.

In a situation like this it is vital that we adopt the correct attitude, and not spend too much time grumbling and griping.

Maybe we should all be saying: "What can I do to help?" You see, I happen to believe that a game grows on the pride of thousands of ordinary spectators who get pleasure from soccer, and

not just from the valiant efforts of a few over-worked administrators who try hard and reap little praise and much criticism.

So you, the ordinary spectator, stand up and be counted if you care. Stand tall, put your effort where your mouth is!

Build crowds

One big area in which you can help, in fact where your active help is all-important, is in building up the crowds.

A game of soccer is like a good film. The reviews in the paper help, so does a mention on television or radio, but the overwhelming majority of filmgoers see a film because of personal recommendation, because Tom said it was beautiful and they shouldn't miss it.

That philosophy holds as true for soccer as for any branch of the entertainment business. Never forget it, because it is the passport to bigger crowds.

These new spectators are going to come from people from our various homelands and from the Australian public. Many hundreds of thousands of Europeans have arrived in Australia since the last war — most with more than a passing interest in soccer — yet in the main they are absent from the terraces.

You can help get them back by publicising the game, by talking about it everywhere you meet them. Not comparing our standard adversely with the game "back home", but by concentrating on the real improvements that are being made in Melbourne soccer; about the top clubs from overseas visiting Olympic Park, and increasingly often meeting a real challenge from our local sides.

Young stars

Talk also about the young local stars, boys who have learnt their skills here in Australia.

We can make our game even greater

They are sprouting up in every club if you care to look for them. Have no doubt in your minds about the ability of these boys to dominate the game given a fair go and the right climate of opinion.

Above all, remember that only a few of these migrants I talk about watched the top clubs like Inter Milan and Manchester United. Most settled for soccer of a lower standard, and

matches, then the aggregate attendance at State League matches would rocket by over 70 per cent, and a grand total of over \$110,000 would flow into the coffers of our leading clubs, strengthening and developing the local game?

These targets are so modest and easily attainable, the financial result I mention represents the minimum and not the maximum benefit that would accrue. It would

game, or at the very least have an open mind on the subject. Where you see a glimmer of interest, respond with more encouragement.

Initially you might find it hard getting them along to see a match, so try stimulating them to watch the mid-week games on television, as many already do.

Hard core

Above all, try to establish in their minds the true image of soccer, the world game, the only game that can and will give Australian youth an opportunity to compete in a major sport that counts all over the world.

Recognise that you are one of the most important persons in Australian soccer.

How do I know?

Well, you would not be buying Soccer News or reading this article if you were not part of that hard core of supporters from whom the future strength of the game must come.

Recognise this, and you will also recognise your responsibilities to the game, and willingly play your part in helping Australia soar into the soccer seventies.

A place in the stand — Jim Barker

many thousands were happy to watch Third or Fourth Division clubs with a standard not greatly superior to that in Melbourne. In fact, arguably worse.

Do you know that if every single "hard core" supporter watched four more games himself each season, and additionally brought a friend or acquaintance as guest to each of his team's home

be crazy not to act immediately the season starts, so why don't you help? You can, you know.

Open minds

And what about our fellow countrymen here in Australia? They all do not have a closed mind about soccer, as is often supposed.

Many of them like the

Qantas new backer?

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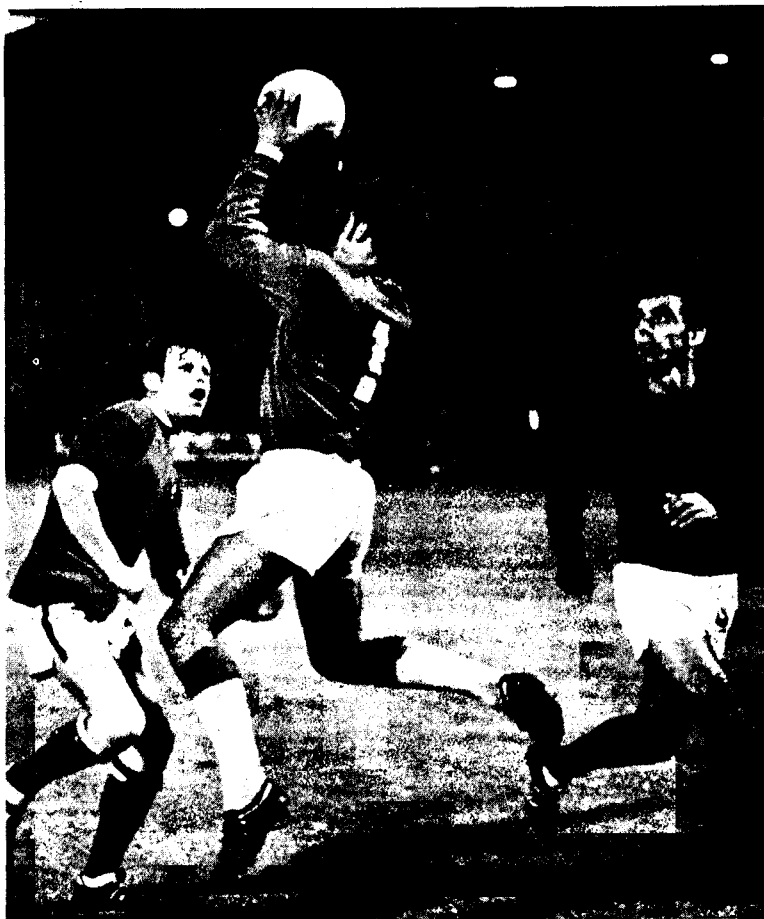
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QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Footscray J.U.S.T. (seven draws).
2. Ajax of Amsterdam.
3. 1960. They finished third from the top.
4. 1966 (they were runners-up).
5. Rangers (5).
6. Moreland.
7. Sing Tao.
8. Vic Janczyk (Juventus) and Mar-ian Gasior (Keilor City).
9. Wilhelmina.
10. 10 yards.

Footscray J.U.S.T. goalie Milisavljevic collects the ball and puts paid to another Croatia drive goalwards, as Billy Rice runs back to cover, in Friday night's Ampol Cup semi-final, won by J.U.S.T. 3-2.

Coleman takes over Dandenong

Tim Coleman is Dandenong City's new coach.

He takes over from Mike Hall, coach for the last two seasons, who has resigned for personal reasons.

Coleman has a unique record. He followed the great Sir Stanley Matthews as outside right for Stoke City, and is the only extreme winger to score seven goals in an English League game.

Dandenong have come close to reaching State League on several occasions, but this year they are determined to finally make it.

They have signed Dennis Goodall, who has had experience with West Bromwich Albion reserves, in England.

A forceful inside forward, he should add snap to Dandenong's attack.

Here's the draw for the DOCKERTY CUP

The following is the draw for the Dockerty Cup Preliminary Rounds 1 and 2. Games to be played on the grounds of the first named clubs. Clubs which are not able to use normal home grounds must advise the venue IMMEDIATELY to the Victorian Soccer Federation office.

Saturday, March 21st — Preliminary Round 1 — 2.45 p.m. kick-off
Sunshine City v. Heidelberg Albion Rovers v. Springvale

Saturday, March 28th — Preliminary Round 2 — 2.45 p.m. kick-off

Corio v. Green Gully Ajax	Broadmeadows City v. St. Albans
Albion Rovers v. Springvale v.	Sandringham v. Prahran
Preston Makedonia	Box Hill v. Univ. of Melbourne
Sunshine City or Heidelberg v.	Nth. Carlton Olympic v. Mar'nong
Altona	Triestina
Monash Uni. v. Western Suburbs	Waverley v. Ringwood Utd.
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Mooroolbark v. Coburg	Rovers
Park Rangers v. Yallourn	Dandenong v. Croydon
Eltham v. Brighton	Keilor City v. Ferntree Gully
Clayton v. Bayswater	

FRANKSTON ON MOVE

Frankston City, who finished in fifth position on the second division ladder last season, are making early efforts to produce a promotion winning combination for 1970.

Referee Puzzle

They defeated Prahran 2-0 last Saturday at Frankston. Prahran gained promotion to Division One last season.

Frankston's half-back line was the deciding factor, and will play a great part in their bid for honors.

Long-serving Kurt Schroeder was a fine pivot.

Alan Parrot gave an outstanding performance at right half and should prove a definite acquisition.

Now 24, he played with Sutton United in England, the team which reached the fourth round of the F.A. Cup, only to lose to

Division One leaders Leeds United.

Twenty-six-year-old Gerry Pask completes the formidable trio.

They kept a stranglehold on Prahran's forwards which was never relaxed.

Most encouraging for Frankston was the 5-0 victory of their reserves.

Seven juniors were promoted to this side and gave notice that they will soon be knocking at the first team's door.

Frankston are determined to give youngsters every opportunity, and they have a wealth of junior talent.

REFeree PUZZLE

Frankston committee are confused.

They should have no difficulty getting referees for their pre-season games, by direct approach.

Trying to do things the right way, they have been losers.

They approached Soccer House, who, in turn, put their request for an official referee to the appointments board.

They were assured that an appointment had been made.

The result? No referee turned up.

Whoever is at fault, the game is the sufferer.

—George Yelland.

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Cheer these juniors before the Dynamos

Latrobe Valley junior teams will play the curtain raiser to the Moscow Dynamo v. Victoria game at Olympic Park on Sunday week.

It has been decided that juniors will provide the curtain-raisers at interstate and international games to be played in Melbourne, and that the Latrobe Valley boys should be given preference for the Russian stars Melbourne fixture.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings last week were busy ones for junior officials, as they worked to ensure that the centralisation of junior administration was carried out smoothly.

Three regional committees have been formed, whose first duty will be to prepare fixtures for the new season.

Junior clubs that have not affiliated yet still have time to do so — the closing date is March 6.

Officials

Circulars setting out the new scheme for player insurance have been posted to club secretaries.

These are the officials

Regional bodies formed

who have been elected to administer the junior regional committees in 1970:

South of Yarra
Chairman, Mr. K. De-fries; secretary, J. Morrison; 39 Olympic Ave., Springvale, 3171, tel. 546-2195 (evening); treasurer,

A. Spencer; members, J. Booth and R. Robson.

North of Yarra
Chairman, H. Dressler; secretary, L. Stefford, 25 Mayona Rd., Montmorency, 3094, tel. 435-5945 (evening); treasurer, R. Emaden; members, S. Stokes and G. Sabadusi.

Western Suburbs
At the first meeting Western Suburbs clubs were not able to elect all committee members.

Chairman is Mr. G. Culbard; committee members, A. Heyden and C. Sady. Unless otherwise directed, all club secretaries are asked to address all correspondence to League secretaries.

Better weather cheers punters

The weather must be coming good over in Britain. There were only four matches postponed last Saturday, which is good news for football Pools' punters.

But with 12 scoring Draws and five score-less Draws, dividends in the Treble Chance Pools although not in the record payout class will certainly be worth winning.

Add the four postponed matches to the five score-less Draws, making nine two pointer games, minor dividends will be small, also the fall of all the Draws on the lists will make the perm punters very happy especially those who bunch their selections.

Breakup of the Draws was: — One in the sixth round of the English Cup, one in the First Division, three in the Second, six in the Third, three in the Fourth, one in the Scottish First Division and two in the Second.

Balance of the coupons was 12 Aways and 21 Home winners.

The shock Liverpool loss will help to lift the Four Aways Pool from a low payout. But the Eight and Nine Results Pools will be very handy to win — worth more than a stake-saver.

Bad luck for Rangers in the Scottish Cup being drawn out of the hat to meet and be beaten by Celtic, nobody can deny.

that these two teams are the two best in Scotland, and in the top bracket in Britain.

The big shock in the English Cup was the defeat of Liverpool by Watford on the latter's ground, and Watford are struggling to avoid relegation from the Second Division.

As I have mentioned before, these are the kind of results that let the majority of punters down BUT keep up the dividends and make them worth winning.

Here are the dividends in sterling currency for Saturday, February 14, when there were nine scoring Draws and two score-less, with 30 matches postponed: —

LITTLEWOOD
Treble Chance Pool: 24 points, £26,645/11/- for 1d.; 23 points, £132/3/-; 22 points, £3/6/-; 21 points, 4/-; no fifth dividend.

Twelve Match Results Pool: (four postponed) 8 correct, £18/8/- for 2d.; 7 correct, 16/-.

Three Draw: 16/-.
Nine Results: (paid on 7 correct), 442,000/-.
Four Aways: (paid on 3 correct) 196/-.

Taffy's Tips for the POOLS

VERNONS
Treble Chance Pool: 24 points, £4,895/5/- for 1d.; 23 points, £27/-; 22 points, 13/-; no fourth dividend.

Twelve Match Results Pool: (four postponed) 8 correct, £18/16/- for 2d.; 7 correct, 16/-.

Three Draws: 18/-.
Eight Results: (paid on 6 correct), 12,016/-.

Four Aways: (paid on 3 correct), 208/-.

Simple Six: (2 postponed), 44/-.

Now for NEXT SATURDAY WEEK, MARCH 7, the following should win at Home for the Stake-saving plan, but be wary of teams that are left in the English F.A. Cup and the Scottish F.A. Cup, with the semi-finals coming up those left in tend to take it easy if they are safe in their respective Leagues.

EIGHT AND NINE RESULTS

*Manchester City, Derby County, *Wolverhampton W., *Huddersfield Town, *Middlesbrough, Barrow Town, Leyton Orient, *Rotherham United, *Chesterfield, *Grimby Town, *Notts County, Port Vale, *Swansea Town, Hearts, *Rangers, Falkirk.
FOUR AWAYS
*Everton.

Leeds United, *Sheffield United, Luton Town, *Aldershot, *Celtic.

THREE DRAWS
Chelsea v. Nottingham Forest, Millwall v. Birmingham, Bradford City v. Bristol Rovers.

And now for the big money with those elusive eight Draws, be with me I'm due to knock it off, it's in the air, so here are my selections for that long-awaited jackpot:—

TREBLE CHANCE POOL

*Chelsea v. Nottingham Forest, Ipswich Town v. Stoke City, *Newcastle United v. Coventry City, Leicester City v. Queens Park Rangers, *Millwall v. Birmingham, *Preston North End v. Cardiff City, *Bradford City v. Bristol Rovers, Brighton v. Barnsley Town, *Tranmere Rovers v. Walsall v. Bury Town, *Newport County v. Wrexham, *Airdrieonians v. Hibernians, Clyde v. Dundee, *Kilmarnock v. Dunfermline.
*Indicates best selections. Till next week, good luck, Punters.

TAFFY.

They want Shield back



High Schools representative team last year lost the final game for the Inter-school Challenge Shield, but only after a hard battle which ended 3-2. High Schools held the Shield in 1967 and 1968, and are confident of recovering it this year. Bob Gough and Eric Lindberg (standing, left) coach the team. Picture by Serge Walter.

Lions are optimistic

Lions Soccer Club juniors are confident they will have a much more successful season this year than last.

At the start of 1969, officials were worried when only four boys turned up for the first training session.

But they didn't give up, and in three weeks the numbers had swelled to 50, and Lions were able to field three junior teams.

Only two of the boys had ever played soccer before.

Mr. R. Legge, an Australian, was in charge of the under 10 boys, who

performed well in their first season to finish fourth on the ladder.

The under 12s finished third, being beaten in the Cup by Melbourne B, the eventual winners.

This result was the more impressive when it is noted that the under 12 team made a poor start, being soundly beaten in all their games (6-1, 8-2, 5-0, etc.) in the first half of the season.

But in the second half of the season the same boys produced results of which coach G. Belgarow was justly proud.

Players U. Slowak, B. Maiolo, P. Belgarow, S. Heder and Garcia show great talent.

Premiers

The under 14 side provided the spectacular performance for a first year team.

They lost only two games, and won the division premiership.

The under 14s, coached by G. Belgarow and captained by P. Paglioso, produced S. Oddy as its best and fairest, and regular player in the State under 14 squad.

S. Lafauci, also in the Victorian squad, and goalkeeper S. Dunlop, an Australian boy, were also outstanding players.

Bright future

The future for Lions Juniors looks bright.

They enjoy first class conditions — the same as the seniors, which means good coaches and training facilities, with showers, kitchen and clubroom.

Lions welcome all boys willing to play soccer.

Lions Junior committee for 1969 are G. Belgarow, manager; R. Legge, under 10 coach; B. Hura and B. Calahan, team managers.

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Russia beat the Czechs

★ The Soviet Union World Cup squad on tour in South America in preparation for Mexico in June recently met and defeated the Czechoslovakia club champions — Spartak Trnava 3-2.

★ Rumania's World Cup team is also on tour in South America and in a match with Peru in Lima drew 1-1.

SOCCER FROM ALL ANGLES

by Alistair Cook

Portuguese club champions Benfica want a British manager to replace Brazilian Otto Glória whose contract was recently terminated. Francisco Calado a senior official of the club said recently: "As of now our ideas about a new manager involve Britain".

Dr. Borges Continto, Benfica's chairman has recently been in London and it is thought the principal reason for his visit was to look around for a manager.

The famous "White Eagles" of Lisbon are also seeking a new trainer to replace Fernando Da Silva Cabrita who has also been dismissed. In the meantime international player Jose Augusto has been appointed interim technical director — Portugal's equivalent of a manager.

One of the last places one would expect to find a first class soccer team is on the rugged island of Sardinia. Yet today local heroes Cagliari are among the hot shots of the Italian First Division and making a strong bid to become the first team away from the mainland to win the major league title.

One of the secrets of Cagliari's success is that they have a centre forward Luigi Riva that money can't buy. Fearing that in the end one of the many handsome offers from the big clubs would lure Riva away the Cagliari club officials dreamt up a novel idea to keep him with them.

A special levy is imposed on the rates to help give Luigi the kind of cash he needs to keep him with Cagliari.

World round-up

Three Argentine stars, who were jailed for 30 days each after incidents during the 1969 World Cup club championship between Estudiantes and A.C. Milan, were also severely disciplined by the Argentine F.A.

Forward Eduardo Manera and defender Aguirre Sperezi were banned from playing for Argentine for three and five years, and for Estudiantes 20 and 30 games respectively. Goalkeeper Alberto Poletti, the third offender, really copped it. He was banned from professional soccer for life, mainly due to the fact that he attacked some Milan players after the final whistle which had ended Estudiantes' hopes of retaining the title.

Sir Stanley Rous, F.I.F.A. president looks like getting the O.K. from the world congress in his stand for re-election on June 23 — two days before the World Cup final in Mexico City.

He has already been proposed by the English F.A. and has the backing of Scotland, Ireland and Wales as well as many of the European countries, who have been impressed by the way he has sought to resolve the differing points of view existing in European and South American soccer. And his efforts to bring the "emerging" countries of Asia and Africa into the world pattern have also won him much support.

The big voting doubt against Sir Stanley seemed to be South America. But now that Brazil has indicated they will vote for him the rest there are expected to follow suit.

A player who defected to the West from Poland fully three years ago is one of the key players of Gornik Zabrze who have made such an impact in European soccer this year.

He is Heinz Banas who plays with number nine on his back but operates on the right wing. In June 1966 Banas, at that time a Polonia Bytom player, travelled to Stockholm to take part in a Rappen Cup game, and along with two of his team-mates asked for and was granted political asylum. Because of their defection the Polish F.A. asked F.I.F.A. to place a life ban on all three, but as the maximum ban for this kind of case by F.I.F.A. is two years, that was the penalty imposed. Banas, however, after a few months in the West, decided to return to Poland and face the music. But having the courage to return, and being such a great player, the Polish F.A. allowed him to resume playing for Polonia in November last year. He finished the season with them then transferred to Gornik Zabrze.

Two thirds of the players on the staff of Leeds United were recruited straight from school soccer. But only three of the full-time players, and only three of their 12 apprentices come from Leeds.

Ron Flowers, the former Wolves and England wing half is now player-coach of Telford United a Shropshire non-league side. Telford were formerly known as Wellington Town, and Flowers was player-manager of Northampton before joining them.

Heading for the Scottish First Division — Cowdenbeath, with 27 players on their books, have the largest playing staff in the Second Division. Cowdenbeath, who have a lucrative weekly income from Stock Car racing held on their track, were in the First Division from 1924 to 1934, and won promotion in 1938-39 but because of the outbreak of the war this was not honoured, due to re-organisation of the league.

Club Corner

Penarol

Founded in 1891 by British employees of Central Railways but not known as Penarol until 1913 after it took the name from the district housing the railway yards. Won the World Club championship in 1966 by twice defeating Real Madrid.

Real Madrid

Formed in 1898 by students in Madrid. Title "Real" meaning Royal, was bestowed on club by King Alfonso XIII in 1920.

Plays at the magnificent Estadio Santiago Bernabeu, which is named after a club president. Winners of the European Cup six times in the era of all-time greats like Di Stefano and Puskas.

J.S.K. Slavia

Oldest club in Bulgaria, and although they did not play their first game until 1913 they have had a highly distinguished career. Won the Bulgaria League Championship seven times, and the Bulgaria F.A. Cup 12.

Last season the Bulgaria F.A. reorganised their leagues, and four of the top clubs were combined as two. As a result the new-look JSK Slavia had no fewer than 17 internationalists on their staff. The other team which joined Slavia were Lokomotiv Slavia. JSK supplied four players for Bulgaria's World Cup Squad in the qualifying rounds which won through to Mexico.

Present-day stars are Simeon Simeonov, a 23-year-old keeper in the Yashin mould, and reckoned the best in Europe; Alexander Shalamanov, a fine defender and a former national skiing champion; and Toder Kolev, a brilliant midfield player. All three are in Bulgaria's national team heading for Mexico.

Fluminense

Formed in 1902, and their friendly game against H.M.S. Amethyst in 1906 stimulated the formation of the Rio League. Fluminense were original members.

Won the top Rio League honours about 20 times, but have not had the same success in cup soccer.

Outstanding players: Marques Ademir, who was Brazil's centre forward in the 1950 World Cup; Carlos Castillo, goalkeeper in Brazil's 1954 World Cup side; Jair Pinto, an inside forward, also a World Cup player for Brazil in 1950, and Elba de Padua Lima, a brilliant ball artist.

Blackpool

Formed 1887 at a public meeting called because of the breaking-up of the old Blackpool St. John Club. South Shore amalgamated with Blackpool in 1899. Won the F.A. Cup only once in 1953, have never won the First Division championship, although they were regular members of the First Division from 1937 until a few years back, when they went down to the Second Division.

Great players to have worn their colors include Jimmy Hampson, Harry Johnson, George Farm, Jimmy Armfield, Stanley Mortensen, Alan Ball, and the greatest of them all — Stanley Matthews.

Boca Juniors

Formed in 1908 after an industrial sector of Buenos Aires. In the 1950s became the team of millionaire Alberto J. Armando. Play at Bombonero Stadium, known as the Chocolate Box and which holds 85,000.

Won top Argentine League title many times, but not so successful in the premier cup competition which they won in 1963. Great players of the club have been Valentin Angelillo, Luisito Monti, both of Italian origin; Antonio Rattin, the first player to be sent off at Wembley in the World Cup quarter-final game against England in 1966; and Jose Sanfilippo, one of the greatest goal-scoring machines in Argentine soccer.

Kilmarnock

Formed in 1869 as a rugby club, and when fixtures became scarce changed to soccer by joining the now defunct Scottish Alliance League.

Original members of the Scottish Second Division in 1894, then moved into the First Division in 1894 and stayed there until relegated in 1947. Promoted back to the First Division in 1954, they have never looked back. As well as winning the league title in 1965, have also been four times runners-up, finalists in the League Cup twice, and winners of the Scottish Cup back in 1920 and 1929.

A former manager of the club, Alex Hastings, is a selector with South Australian Soccer Federation, while Kilmarnock's present manager, Walter McCrae, was Scotland's trainer and physiotherapist when they toured here in 1967.



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